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On the afternoon of 11 August 1953, 6 to 8 MIG-15s crossed over the Maringin Bay (60°29'N/27°36'0), east of Hamina (60°34'N/27°11'0). The weather was fair and visibility good. The aircraft had the typical sweep-back of MIG-15s, fitted with a high-set rudder assembly and could be recognized as jet aircraft from the roar produced by them. The red Soviet stars were clearly visible on the craft. The jets came from the near-by Soviet border, flying several curves over the sea. After performing a steep glide, the aircraft again disappeared in the direction of the Soviet border.

Comment. The observation of Soviet jet fighters in the Bay of Finland has been reported previously. The Soviet air units charged with air space observation missions apparently do not respect Finnish territory.

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